

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DECEMBER 13, 2004, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman
George R. Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman**

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - a. Mayor Pro Tem Potts gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the November 22, 2004 regular City Council meeting and the December 7, 2004 special City Council meeting were approved as written on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Potts and a second by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the Mayor's Motorcade was very successful, thanks to the generosity of many groups and organizations in the community who made generous donations of gifts for the patients.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the Mayors' Day Training Conference in Atlanta in January 2005. He stated this is an excellent opportunity for the Council members to meet with state elected officials and to discuss their major points of interest for the upcoming year.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public that the second December Council meeting had been moved from December 27, 2004 to December 20, 2004, due to the Christmas holidays.
 - d. Mayor Palmer stated a vacancy has occurred on the Gordon County Board of Health and the appointment is a city appointment. He stated it would be his recommendation that Janice Self Smith be appointed to fill the position. Councilman Hammond made a motion to appoint Janice S. Smith to the Gordon County Department of Health, second by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

5. Council Comments:

a. Councilman Denmon stated:

- 1) During the month of November, the water treatment plant treated a daily average of 12.175 million gallons. He reported that 36.95% of the city's potable water for the month came from the Brittany Drive wells.
- 2) The waste treatment plant treated a daily average of 9.831 million gallons during the month of November. The average BOD effluent was 12, the average suspended effluent was 19 and the average COD effluent was 80.
- 3) The water construction department made 55 water connections during the month and changed out 7 meters. They repaired 37 leaks and set 23 new meters. They installed 1 new fire hydrant and responded to 213 calls. They provided 321 requests for locations. They worked 15 call-ins and changed out 4 two-inch meters to one-inch meters.
- 4) The sewer construction department made 9 sewer connections. They repaired 5 sewer services, 2 manholes, and 1 sewer main. They inspected 600 feet of sewer main and 800 feet of sewer services. They located 204 lines and repaired 4 lift stations. They cleaned 7,500 feet of sewer lines and opened and inspected 22 manholes. The sludge disposal unit applied 1520 cubic yards of sludge, or 238.09 dry tons.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated:

- 1) During the month of November, the street department installed 8 new street signs and completed 36 shop work orders. They dug out and patched on Court Street and North Wall Street, using 16 tons of asphalt. They hauled scrap metal to Cartersville. They did the first phase of the Park Avenue Streetscape project, which resulted in the demolition of the old sidewalk and curb, sawing out and pouring 280 feet of curb and gutter, rebuilding 10 air duct vents, pouring 1 drop inlet storm water box, pouring 3432 square feet of sidewalk, laying 280 feet of brick pavers, and sawing 608 feet of diamond shape expansion joints. The work on the second phase of the Park Avenue project will begin after the holidays.
- 2) The sanitation department ran their routine commercial routes, serviced vehicles and gained one 8-yard dumpster account.
- 3) The parks department crews completed maintenance jobs at City Hall, the Library, the Depot and the police department. They sandblasted and painted air vent grates and laid brick pavers for the downtown street project.
- 4) The cemetery department sold 17 grave spaces and aided in the setting of 4 new monuments. They performed routine maintenance at both Fain and Chandler Cemeteries.
- 5) Risk management reported no vehicle or equipment accidents and no workers' comp accidents for the month.
- 6) The animal control department responded to 30 customer calls.
- 7) The Brunch with Santa on Saturday, December 11, was successful and the Main Street Program wished to express appreciation to all the sponsors, including BB&T, the Cherokee Fair Association, and the Doctor's Care Office.

c. Councilman Crowley stated:

- 1) During the month of November, the electric department continued electrical installation services at the water plant pumping expansion. They implemented the first phase of the system protection and reliability project, completed preparations and repair for street lighting, coordinated work for the Park Avenue Streetscape Project, adding in lighting bases and conduit for the decorative poles and fixtures. They completed electrical service and lighting for the North Georgia National Bank branch on Red Bud Road, the Kobelco line relocation, and the new service to Doug Jones' mall on River Street. There are three major projects in engineering and design: the soccer complex lighting, the Church of Christ complex, and the CVS Pharmacy. During the month of November, the electric department completed 43 street and security lighting work orders, 12 new business and maintenance work orders, and 10 after-hour callouts.
- 2) Telecommunications completed construction of a T-1 connection between Moorhouse, Gilbert, Carpenter & Watkins to their Dalton office. They completed internet connections to Calhoun L. P. Gas and rerouted the police department phone service for Streetscape. They started fiber line construction to Calhoun Millworks and signed an agreement with Shaw Industries for a new 10-MEG connection to a plant on Highway 41 South.
- 3) During the month of November, the electric department issued 14 permits, performed 26 inspections, set 5 meters and purchased over 32 million kWh of electricity.

d. Councilman Hammond stated:

- 1) He had attended his first Regional Development Center meeting. He had reviewed several of the industrial and commercial statistics for the Northwest Region, including those areas for Calhoun and Gordon County.
- 2) The fire department responded to 61 calls for service during the month of November. This included 4 fire incidents with estimated damages of \$8,800.00. They responded to 14 emergency medical incidents, with 18 injuries. There were 15 hazardous condition incidents, 5 service calls, 4 good intent calls, 16 false alarms, and 2 special incident calls. During the month of November, the firefighters trained on audio and visual training aids, they taught and hosted the Chatsworth Fire Department for a 40-hour, 5-day technical level and confined space rescue class. This class not only included Chatsworth, but Calhoun fire students, Gordon County fire students, Murray County and Dalton fire students. They conducted a fire extinguisher class for employees at the Calhoun Health Care Center and they provided safety education classes for the boy scouts at Station #1. They completed all station and vehicular maintenance during the month. The fire inspector conducted 32 inspections during the month, including 8 annual, 5 new business, 10 requested 9 follow up inspections. They conducted a public safety program for 65 children at the King Preschool. They gave a hands-on fire extinguisher class to the Calhoun High School Construction Trades class with 135 students and to 15 employees at Dupont Industries. They also provided 3 commercial burn sight inspections.

- 3) In the month of November, the police department made 689 cases, including 100 for warrants, 133 for speeding and 456 others. They collected \$91,700.50 in fines on previous cases. There were 8 DUI cases, and 378 warning tickets issued. They worked 83 highway accidents and 25 private property accidents, including 6 injuries. They filed 1326 incident reports, responded to 202 alarms, and provided 69 escorts. They drove 51,867 miles on patrol.
- 4) Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve a request filed by the Police Chief for transfer of \$2,000.00 from the Asset Seizure Fund to the police account, including materials for the drug awareness program for \$800.00 and \$1,200.00 for funding of repair of two cart vehicles, one for the high school and one for the police department for downtown traffic control, second by Mayor Pro Tem Potts, with Councilman Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, public hearings on zoning matters would be held. The public would have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter. Each person speaking would be required to have filed a Financial Disclosure Statement five days prior to the hearing, and each person would be required to give their name and address before speaking. An inquiry was made to determine if any of the elected officials had filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in the agenda items. The response was negative. Mayor Palmer reviewed the Standards Governing the Exercise of Zoning Power, as follows:

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER

- (1) Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
- (4) Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.
- (5) Whether there will be capital costs for capital improvements to serve the area. Capital costs shall include water mains, sewer mains, new street pavement or widening, new fire stations or equipment, new police stations or equipment, and other like costs.
- (6) Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for their approval; or disapproval of the zoning proposal.
- (8) Whether there are other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property.

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography.
- (b) The application of this ordinance to the particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of this ordinance, provided, however, that no variance may be granted for a use of land or building or structure that is prohibited by this ordinance.

1) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for two zoning variances by the Calhoun Board of Education for Berenstein Park on South River Street across from the middle school. The requests are for a 25-foot variance off the right-of-way of King Street for a chain link fence; and a 12-foot variance off the right-of-way of King Street for the visitor's dugout for the new girl's softball complex.

- a) A public hearing was opened.
- b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and evidence of notification to adjoining property owners had been received.
- c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met on this matter on December 9, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. There were concerns about the need for sufficient fencing on South River Street in order to protect the heavy traffic area. The School Superintendent, Ms. Judy Neal, stated the plans for the project indicate an extremely high fence on River Street and she acknowledged that this field would be used for girls' softball and not baseball. Therefore, the Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval of the two variances based on the following criteria:

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question as it relates to its size and shape.
- (b) The strict application of the zoning ordinance to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship for the owners.
- (c) There are conditions peculiar to this particular piece of property.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose or intent of this ordinance.

- d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant. There were none.
- e) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions by the public or the Council. There were none and the hearing was closed.

f) Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a **motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for a 25-foot variance and the 12-foot variance**, based upon the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request by Danny R. Greeson for permission to construct multi-family housing at 705 Harlin Street, in an area that was historically for single family housing but zoned R-2. At this time, the area contains primarily multi-family housing.

- a) A public hearing was opened.
- b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and she had received evidence of notification to adjoining property owners.
- c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board also reviewed this matter on December 9, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. The Zoning Advisory Board pointed out that the area is in a flood plain and the building would need to be raised to a height that would meet the current building code. The recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board was to approve the request based on the following findings:

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question as it relates to the flood zone.
- (b) The strict application of the zoning ordinance to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship for the owners.
- (c) There are conditions peculiar to this particular piece of property. Primarily, the neighborhood has changed from a traditional single-family house neighborhood to multi-family housing, and the particular lot in question is partially in the flood plane.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose or intent of this ordinance, provided the applicant adheres to the recommendations of the building inspector.

d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant. Harrison stated she had received a call from Mr. Greeson's office stating he and his family were en route to meet their son that was being allowed a temporary leave for the holidays from the armed forces and he was unable to attend.

e) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none and the hearing was closed.

f) Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a **motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the request to build multi-family housing in a historically single-family housing area that has, over the past few years, become predominately multi-**

family housing. The motion also included the requirement that the builder adhere to the building code as it relates to construction in a flood plain area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

3) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for rezoning from R-2 to C-2 by Kenneth Jones for property at the corner of Yellow Jacket Drive and Pine Street.

- a) A public hearing was opened.
- b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and she had received evidence of notification to adjoining property owners.
- c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board also reviewed this matter on December 9, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. The request to change from R-2 to C-2 is based upon the fact that for over 30 years, the property has been used by the county school system as a C-2 operation. She stated the Zoning Advisory Board recommended the change as requested by the applicant, to change from R-2 to C-2, based on the following criteria:

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- (1) The proposal would permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property as currently zoned would have a limited economic use.
- (4) The zoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive burden on existing streets, utilities or schools.
- (5) Any costs for capital improvements associated with the project will be borne by the owner.
- (6) The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) N/A
- (8) N/A

- d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant. There were none.
- e) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the Council or public. There were none and the hearing was closed.
- f) **Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for a zoning change from R-2 to C-2 by Kenneth Jones for property at the corner of Yellow Jacket Drive and Pine Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.**

- 4) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for rezoning from R-2 to C-2 by Robert McKinnon for parcels 6, 7, and 8 at 841, 847 and 853 North Wall Street, consisting of three Mill Village homes and lots across from the Lovinggood operation. The request also includes 15-foot setback variances for the sides and backs of the lots.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and she had received evidence of notification to adjoining property owners.
 - c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board also reviewed this matter on December 9, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. She stated the property has a history of drainage problems and this would necessitate a hydrological study. She stated the Zoning Advisory Board also felt this area would have a better fit as C-2 property. However, with the older residential properties at the rear of the property, and with the approval of the variance request, it would necessitate a fence between the residential and commercial zoned properties. He stated based upon these factors, the Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval of the change change from R-2 to C-2 and the granting of the setback variances, based on the following criteria:

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POWER**

- (1) The proposal would permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property as currently zoned and used has limited economic use.
- (4) The zoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive burden on existing streets, utilities or schools.
- (5) Any costs for capital improvements associated with the project will be borne by the developer.
- (6) The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan as it relates to future commercial use on Highway 41.
- (7) The proposal offers an opportunity to remove a condemned house.
- (8) The request balances the interest of improving the site and improving public safety and health.

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the condemned house and the need for an improvement in the area.
- (b) The strict application of the zoning ordinance to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship for the owner.

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| (c) There are conditions peculiar to this particular piece of property. |
| (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purpose or intent of this ordinance. |

- d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant. There were none.
 - e) Attorney Bailey stated it had been noted that the northern-most lot would remain as non-conforming residential use until a later date as determined by the applicant or by conditions or events in the future.
 - f) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the Council or public. There were none and the hearing was closed.
 - g) **Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for a zoning change from R-2 to C-2 by Robert McKinnon for parcels 6, 7 and 8, also known as 841, 847 and 853 North Wall Street, and also to grant the 15-foot setback variances for the side and back of the lots, with the understanding that the northern-most lot would be included in the C-2 zoning but would be allowed to continue to be used as non-conforming residential use until such time as determined by the owner or until events in the future preclude it from being utilized for residential purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.**
- 5) Mayor Palmer stated the request for a variance for required frontage on a public road by Jason Shriner for property at 200 South Dale Avenue had been filed. However, there were complications as they related to the application and at this time, Mr. Shriner had made a request for the matter to be tabled until such time that he could address those complications.
- a) Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to table the matter, second by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Other hearings or comments:
- 1) Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the request of ABC Highway 53 Package Store, LLC for a name change from the individual name of Sidney Collins to the corporate name as listed, with Marion Whitaker of 136 Rocky Hill Road, Calhoun, Georgia as manager.
 - a) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions. There were none.
 - b) Mayor Palmer stated that based upon the request, this would relate to the renewal license for 2005. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request, second by Councilman Hammond, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old business:
 - a. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a late application for a pawn license renewal for Pawn Mart, Scotty Brown, Manager. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to approve the renewal of the pawn license for 2005 of Pawn Mart, second by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New business:
 - a. A first reading was given of a late 2005 pawn license renewal request by Titlemax of Calhoun, Inc., with Cecily Hay Sudduth, Manager. Mayor Palmer stated a second reading could be held December 20, 2004.
 - b. Mayor Palmer read a request for an address change for Taxi Los Buenos Amigos from 203 Richardson Road to 408 Court Street, Suite 1. Mayor Palmer stated this would relate to an address change only for the commercial office of the previously licensed taxi business, and it could be approved or denied. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request, second by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for zoning of R-1B and annexation of a house and lot at 116 Sylvania Circle by Evelyn M. and Gary W. Haulk. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be January 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for rezoning from R-1 to C-N by Marsha McDaniel for a lot on Curtis Parkway SE. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be January 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - e. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for zoning of C-2 and annexation of 2.494 acres at 1322 Lovers Lane Road by Julian and Jackie Jones. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be January 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by Haley Stephens to de-annex Lot 3 on Red Bud Road, west and north of the Circle M Convenience Store. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be January 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Hammond, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- g. Mayor Palmer stated the city administrator had recommended a revenue enhancement agreement with Ala Tax, Inc., d/b/a Revenue Discovery Systems (RDS) for a one year as it relates to business licenses. Administrator Harrison stated this program would operate similar to an ongoing program the city has with a company through the Georgia Municipal Association to cross reference insurance business licenses, which has been quite successful over the last few years. She stated in this program, the first year for the individual business, the license would be collected with a percentage of the collections being retained by Revenue Discovery Systems. However, the second and subsequent years, all revenues derived from the individual licenses would belong to the city. Following review of the request, Councilman Denmon made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for one year, with an option to renew for an additional year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- h. Mayor Palmer stated the city administrator had requested the Mayor and Council to officially authorize the balance of the 2001 and 2002 taxes for K-Mart to be charged off, following a bankruptcy settlement. Attorney Bailey stated the agreement was accepted, based upon management's determination that the 74% collections of taxes through bankruptcy would be as much as it could expect, should the bankruptcy be fought in court in Chicago, Illinois. The collection costs would outweigh any charge off amount and if fought, the bankruptcy agent would have the opportunity to recommend that only 74% be paid. At that point, collection fees would definitely outweigh any hope of additional collections. Following review of the request, Councilman Hammond made a motion to authorize the write-off of \$3,835.69 for 2001 K-Mart Corporation Store Number 9625 taxes, and \$4,397.69 for 2002. These taxes are for inventory and equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- i. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a clause to be added to the small power user in the electric rate schedule as recommended by Larry Vickery, Electric Superintendent. The proposed change would allow additional discretion by the electric department to move users from one classification to another, based upon additional factors other than those originally stated in the approved schedule. Mayor Palmer stated a second reading could be held December 20, 2004.
- j. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a very late pawn license renewal request for National Title Pawn of Calhoun at 117 West Belmont Street. The request also includes a request for a manager change. The new manager would be Barbara Johnson. Mayor Palmer stated a second reading could be held on December 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
- k. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for a taxi license by Larry Wayne Carver, d/b/a Taxi Domingo, at 519 Oothcalooga Street, Suite B. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be January 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Hammond, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Other written items not on the agenda:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated regarding the city's agreement to change out 2-inch meters to 1-inch meters at no charge, this activity will remain open for citizens to avail themselves of until January 15, 2005.

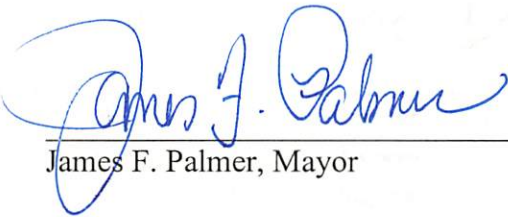
10. Work Reports:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated that Director Kelly Cornwell is in Savannah at a water conference and had no report.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works is attending another meeting for the City of Calhoun at the same time and had no work report.

11. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to Executive Session.

12. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator